Kendriya Vidyalayas/Navodaya Vidyalayas in J&K

1420. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas/Navodaya Vidyalayas presently existing in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether there is any proposal for increasing their number during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the criteria adopted for opening/running these Kendriya Vidyalayas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) There are at present 35 Kendriya Vidyalayas and 14 Navodaya Vidyalayas in the state of Jammu and Kashmir.

(b) to (d) Opening of Kendriya Vidyalayas is not linked to the Five Year Plans as they are opened as per the feasibility based on recommendation of the State Government and availability of funds. As per scheme Navodaya Vidyalaya, one JNV is to be established in each District of the country and all the 14 Districts in the state of J&K have been covered.

Inclusion of Yoga in school syllabus

1421. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether government propose to include Yoga in school syllabus;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) The National Curriculum Framework for School

Education (NCFSE) 2000 recommends Yoga as a part of the subject of Health and Physical Education, the other components of which are games and sports, NCC, etc. at all levels of school education. The NCFSE was forwarded to CBSE and other State Education Boards for adoption/adaptation. Since it is not recommended as a separate subject, its syllabus has not been spelled out by the NCERT.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Decisions in this regard are to be taken by individual Boards, on the basis of recommendations contained in NCFSE-2000.

Literacy levels in the North-East

1422. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether average literacy level in the North-East is higher than All India average;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action proposed to provide technical education in that area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) As per 2001 census, All India literacy rate is 65.38%. In most of the north eastern states the literacy rates are higher than the national average. The state wise details are given below:

Sl. No.	All NE States	Literacy rate (in %)
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	54.74
2.	Assam	64.28
3.	Manipur	68.87
4.	Meghalaya	63.31
5.	Mizoram	88.49
6.	Nagaland	67.11
7.	Sikkim	69.68
8.	Tripura	73.66